The indication by the examiner that claims 7-9 are in allowable form is acknowledged with thanks. Claim 6 has been amended to place it in allowable form, and all claims are now ready for allowance.

## THE CLAIMS

Claims 6 through 9 were pending in the present application, and claim 6 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 6 through 9 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and allowance of claims 6 to 9 are hereby requested.

## THE NERW MATTER REJECTION

Claim 6 stands rejected less than 35 USC 1.112, first paragraph, allegedly because it contains new matter. This rejection is traversed.

The language in claim 6 contains no new matter. However, the applicant has amended the claim to comply with the examiner's requirement. This claim is believed to be free of this ground of rejection.

## THE INDEFINITENESS REJECTION

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC §1.112, second paragraph, allegedly as being indefinite. This rejection is traversed as well.

Claim 6 clearly defines the invention it describes. The applicant, however, has amended this claim in accordance with the examiner's suggestion.

In view of the above remarks and the amendments to claim 6, this rejection is also believed to be moot, and the examiner is invite4d to withdraw it and ready this case for allowance.

## THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 6 has been amended to place to better describe the claimed invention as required by the examiner. No objectionable new matter is believed to have been incorporated by the present amendments.

# **FINAL COMMENTS**

The examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney to resolve any further minor issues that might remain in this case subsequent to the filing of this response, which would prevent its allowance.

In view of the above remarks and the attached amendments, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to that effect is solicited by the applicant.

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